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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COUNTRY CLEARANCE

REFS:A)SAN JOSE 2017, B) SAN JOSE 2159

1. THE PROJECT IN WHICH COL. FRANCIS CARDIGAN AND LTC JULES LLYOD ARE ENGAGED IS A CONTINUING ONE THAT BEGAN IN COSTA RICA IN 1970. IT DEALS WITH RESEARCH INTO ULCERATION OF MUCOUS MEMBRANE OF THE NOSE AND THROAT. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS PROJECT IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THE SPECIFIC AIM OF THIS YEAR'S WORK IS TO STUDY TWO ECOLOGICALLY DIFFERENT AREAS (CHITARIA DE TURRIALBA IN CARTAGO AND SAN ISIDRO DE EL GENERAL) IN WHICH THIS CONDITION IS ENDEMIC IN VARIOUS RESPECTS.

2. COL. CARDIGAN AND LTC LLOYD PLAN TO INSPECT ACTIVITY UNDER THE CONTRACT. THIS WILL INVOLVE A VISIT TO THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL OF SAN JOSE TO WHICH PATIENTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE REFERRED FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF THIS CONDITION BECAUSE OF THE HOSPITAL'S SPECIALIZED LABORATORY FACILITY. THE INSPECTION IS AIMED AT INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH US FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF VOLUNTEERS. NO VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IS PLANNED. HOWEVER, SINCE LTC LLOYD HAS BEEN A FAMILY

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FRIEND OF UNIVERSITY RECTOR, PADRE NUNEZ, FOR MANY YEARS, HE PLANS TO CONTACT HIM UNLESS THE EMBASSY ADVISES TO THE CONTRARY.

3. NO RECENT DIRECT CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH DR. ZELEDON OR OTHER INCOUNTRY PERSONNEL. THE CONTRACT FOR THIS RESEARCH IS WITH THE LOUSIANA STATE UNIVERSITY WHICH OPERATES THE LOUSIANA STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN SAN JOSE. DR. ZELEDON IS THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND THE HEAD OF THE PARASITOLOGY SECTION OF THIS CENTER. ALL RESEARCH IS PRIVATE AND IS ACCOMPLISHED AT THE CENTRAL HOSPITAL. INGERSOLL

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